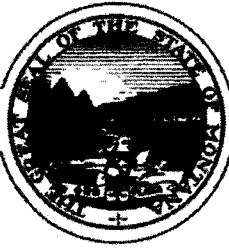


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MEMO

Date: July 11, 2016
To: Mark Bostrom, CARDD Administrator
CC: Lindsay Volpe, CARDD Watershed Management Program
From: Alice Stanley, Resource Development Bureau
RE: CARDD Watershed Group Management Funding

This memo summarizes the Conservation and Resource Development Division's (CARDD) watershed management funding activities for the past two bienniums: July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2016. Attached tables show actual grants and amounts.

WATER MANAGEMENT GRANTS AND CAPACITY GRANTS

Purpose: Funds from these programs are used for watershed related planning and management activities which conserve, develop, manage or preserve the state renewable resources and support a water management plan. These are the same program. We renamed the Capacity Grant program was renamed in 2015 to the Watershed Management Grant Program to more closely describe program purpose.

Eligible Recipients & Funding cap: State, local, & Tribal governments and nonprofits are eligible. Grants are awarded up to \$20,000 for a 2-year period. Non-profits and any nongovernmental entity require a 75% match as required under 85-1-614 MCA.

Watershed groups usually team with a government entity such as a CD or a county to apply for a watershed management grant. See attached list.

Program Expenditures

The 2013 Legislature appropriated \$200,000 in House Bill 6 for the 2015 biennium to watershed management grants. These funds were awarded as shown in the attached list.

The 2015 Legislature appropriated \$300,000 IN House Bill 6 for the 2017 biennium to watershed management grants. As of July 1, 2016, DNRC has awarded \$258,000 to assist watershed groups with operations. DNRC will probably not be able to award our full appropriation due to revenue shortfall this biennium.

Jason
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OTHER FUNDING FROM DNRC GRANT PROGRAMS FOR WATERSHED GROUPS

Watershed groups often team with government entities to seek larger grants from DNRC. The Renewable Resource Grant and Loan program awarded about \$650,000 for six watershed *projects* approved by the 2013 and 2015 legislatures. In addition, the 2013 and 2015 legislatures appropriated \$2.27 million for special watershed projects. These grants are awarded for a *specific project* and not for the purpose of supporting general watershed management activities.

LARGE BASIN CD GROUP FUNDING

The legislature appropriates funds directly to two large basin groups associated with CDs in House Bill 2 for administration and projects every biennium. These funds are managed through CARDD.

Missouri River Conservation District Council

\$212,000 2013 Legislative appropriation

\$212,000 2015 Legislative appropriation

Yellowstone River Conservation District Council

\$184,000 2013 Legislative appropriation

\$184,000 2015 Legislative appropriation

DNRC CAPACITY GRANTS AWARDED FY 2014 - 2015

Grant Title	Recipient	Amount
Watershed Restoration Coalition of the Upper Clark Fork Project Monitoring	DEER LODGE VALLEY CD	\$20,000.00
Watershed Capacity in the Madison	MADISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$7,000.00
Gallatin Conservation District Education and Outreach Center	GALLATIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$5,000.00
Conservation Forest Initiative	LAKE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$10,000.00
Conservation District Administrator Training	JUDITH BASIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$10,000.00
CMR National Wildlife Refuge Community Working Group	PHILLIPS CD	\$4,999.00
Promoting Soil Health through Cover Crop Mixes	MCCONE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$5,000.00
No-Till Disc Drill/Soil Health Project	GARFIELD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$5,000.00
CMR Working Group, Phase 2	PHILLIPS CD	\$3,506.00
2013 MWCC Watershed Symposium	MADISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$10,000.00
Education and Outreach Program	PETROLEUM COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$20,000.00
Blackfoot Water Steward	NORTH POWELL CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$20,000.00
Milk River Watershed Alliance Capacity Building	PHILLIPS CD	\$5,000.00
Musselshell Watershed Coalition Watershed Coordination and Fundraising Plan	LOWER MUSSELSHELL CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$20,000.00
Flathead River Steward	FLATHEAD CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$10,000.00
Conservation Education and Action in the Bitterroot Watershed	BITTERROOT COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$10,000.00
Watershed Planning and Outreach	RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$5,000.00
Upper Clark Fork Steering Committee	MILE HIGH CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$20,000.00
Groundwater Monitoring Instrumentation	SHERIDAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$5,000.00
Flathead River Steward, Phase 2	FLATHEAD CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$3,000.00
Promoting Soil Health through Cover Crop Mixes Phase II	MCCONE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$5,000.00
TOTAL		\$203,505.00

2015 WMG Application Review Scores

Title	Organization	Awarded Total
Beaverhead CD/Watershed Committee	Beaverhead CD	\$ 12,500.00
Big Hole River Drought Support	Big Hole Watershed Commit	\$ 10,000.00
Laying the groundwork for a thriving watershed group and restoration activity in the Bitterroot Watershed through collaboration and planning	Bitter root water forum	\$ 10,000.00
Blackfoot integrated waters and land stewardship	Blackfoot challenge	\$ 10,000.00
Sun River Watershed New Direction	Cascade CD	\$ 10,000.00
Watershed Restoration Coalition WRP Update	Deer Lodge CD	\$ 10,000.00
Big Sky Watershed Restoration Planning	Flathead CD	\$ 5,000.00
Flathead Critical Lands and Waters Restoration	Flathead Lakers	\$ 10,000.00
Garfield CD six region partnership	Garfield CD	\$ -
GGWC project development	GGWC	\$ 5,000.00
Granite Headwaters Strategic Planning Effort	Granite Headwaters Watersh	\$ 12,500.00
Upper Jefferson River Watershed Drought Resiliency Project	Jefferson County	\$ -
LCCD BSWC position	Lake County CD	\$ -
LOLO watershed stakeholder capacity	Lolo Watershed Group	\$ 10,000.00
Madison Watershed Management Program	Madison CD	\$ 15,000.00
MARS channel Migration	MARS	\$ 10,000.00
Musselshell Watershed Plan Implementation phase 1	Petroleum CD	\$ 20,000.00
Ruby Watershed Mmt	Ruby CD	\$ -
Shallow Aquifer Recharge in Restored Basins	UMT	\$ -
		\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ 150,000.00

Watershed Management Grants Award-Round 2

2016

	Organization	Title	Applicant	Applicant type	Requested	Round 2 awarded
1	Beaverhead County Conservation District	Big Sky Watershed Corps Member	Katie Tackett	CD	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
2	Big Sky Water and Sewer District	Building Drought Resiliency in the Upper Gallatin Watershed Through Collaborative Partnerships	Kristin Gardner	GOV	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
3	Bitter Root Water Forum	Collaboration and Conservation: Stepping stones for restoration action	Heather Mullee	NP	\$6,500.00	\$5,000.00
4	Cascade Conservation District	Sun River Watershed Readiness	Tenlee Atchison	CD	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00
5	Center for Large Landscape Conservation	Blackfeet Natural Resource Conservation District Community Land and Water Planning	Melly Reuling	NP	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
6	Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District	Watershed Restoration Coalition of the Upper Clark Fork River Drought Resiliency Project	Susan Johnson	CD	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00
7	Gallatin Local Water Quality District	Development of a surface water monitoring network within the gallatin local water quatilty district	Victoria Heraldson	GOV	\$12,500.00	\$5,000.00
8	Greater Gallatin Watershed Council	Greater Gallatin Watershed Council project development and staff capacity	Brad Bauer	NP	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00
9	Jefferson River Watershed Council	Jefferson River Watershed Council Drought Resiliency Project	Ted Dodge	NP	\$14,200.00	\$5,000.00
10	Lake County Conservation District	Maximizing Watershed Health Through Improving Soil, Forage, and Landscape Management in Lake County	Chris Malgren	CD	\$10,134.00	\$5,000.00
11	Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District	Implementaiton of BMPS in the Lake Helena Watershed	Jennifer McBroom	GOV	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
12	Phillips Conservation District	Milk River Watershed Alliance Coordinator	Jenifer Anderson	CD	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
13	Ruby Valley Conservation District	Ruby Watershed Stewardship	David Stout	CD	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
14	Teton Conservation District	Teton River Watershed Group New Direction	Nancy Moorhouse	CD	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00
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